



2015 Poseidon - 3rd Edition

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Rating: 90

Drink: 2020-2030

Cost: \$80-85

The 2015 Poseidon is a blend of 40% Touriga Nacional, 40% Touriga Franca and 20% Sousão. It was aged for 12 months in 60% new French oak and comes in at 14% alcohol. It is a wine that was treated a bit oddly, which is why it is so pricey, so let's get that out of the way up front. The 3,180 bottles were put on a ship (captained by Manuel da Silva Santos) for 83 days and 10,199 miles at sea. The winery, through its marketing representative, explained that this was "an initiative of the Merchant Navy Officers Club and Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas that intended to preserve the maritime memory of Portugal and to evoke the Portuguese fishermen who, over the centuries, dedicated their lives to long-distant fishing." All bottles have a certificate signed by the president of the Merchant Navy Officers Club and the master of the ship.

Silky at times, this has a bright feel and considerable elegance. It adds some flavor (from fruit and oak) and finishes very well with some notable grip on the finish. The tannins are not shy, but they are not forbidding either. This well-constructed red drinks decently now, but it will certainly be better in a couple of years. I played with it for a couple of hours and decanted it—it still drank well, but it did not become truly special. It will never likely be as grand as its concept or price, but it is pretty nice.

Note that this is the same wine as the Andreza Grande Reserva (which I did not know when I wrote this tasting note originally), with the only difference being the sea voyage, which may have helped the Poseidon be a bit more developed. They show very differently. Whether due to development and storage or encounters with Poseidon himself, the Grande Reserva actually showed more potential, although it was less developed than this. We'll see what the future brings, but I would bet more on the Grande Reserva.

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